

Remarks

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 9-20 are canceled in this Response.

Rejections Based On Sasaki

Claims 1, 3-4 and 7 were rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Sasaki (5228118). Claim 8 was rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over Sasaki.

Differences between Sasaki and the subject matter recited in Claims 1, 3-4 and 7-8 were set forth in detail in the Applicant's Response to the prior Action. In reply, the Office states at page 2 of the current Action that: "A printer driver disposed in a printer is an essential component of printers. It is inherent that the printer of Sasaki includes a printer driver within the printer that is provided to the host device for communication with the printer." These statements are wrong.

A printer driver executes on a host computer. A printer driver does not execute on the printer. Hence, a printer driver disposed in a printer is not an essential component of the printer. The printer drivers shown in Sasaki Fig. 1 reside on the data processing device not on the printing device. Hence, it is not inherent that the printer in Sasaki includes a printer driver. Moreover, there is nothing in the cited art that even remotely suggests a printer providing a driver to a host computer.

If the Office persists in its position with regard to Sasaki, it is respectfully requested to provide *evidence* in support of that position. Absent such a showing, Claims 1, 3-4 and 7-8 should be allowed over Sasaki.

Rejections Based On Yu

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Yu (6707568). Claims 5-6 were rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over Yu in view of Saito (6523696).

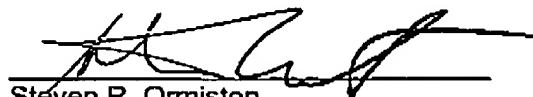
Differences between Yu and the subject matter recited in Claims 1-2 were set forth in detail in the Applicant's Response to the prior Action. In reply, the Office advances a new ground for rejection, stating at page 4 of the current Action that: "It is inherent that the printer of Yu includes a printer driver within the printer that is provided to the host device for communication with the printer." This statement is wrong.

The printer driver shown in Yu resides on the host computer not on the printer. Yu Figs. 3A and 3B. Hence, it is not inherent that the printer in Yu includes

a printer driver. Moreover, there is nothing in the cited art that even remotely suggests a printer providing a driver to a host computer. If the Office persists in its position regarding Yu, it is respectfully requested to provide *evidence* in support of that position. Absent such a showing, Claims 1-2 and 5-6 should be allowed over Yu or Yu in view of Saito.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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